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SUBJECT: BHUTTO ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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1. ON MARCH 17 PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO LAUNCHED FOURTH LEG OF HIS "GRAND TOUR" OF PUNJAB AT MIANWALI, WHERE HE DWELLED MAINLY ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR PRESS ACCOUNTS, SUBJECT HE HIT HARDEST WAS KASHMIR. HE REVEALED TO CROWD THAT HE HAD RECENTLY PROPOSED TO INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI BY LETTER THAT THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS HOLD TALKS ON KASHMIR. HE ASSERTED THAT IN SAME LETTER, HOWEVER, HE HAD PROTESTED GOI "DEAL" WITH SHEIKH ABDULLAH ON "FUTURE ARRANGEMENT IN OCCUPIED KASHMIR" AND HAD REAFFIRMED PAKISTAN'S "UNRESERVED SUPPORT" FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF KASHMIR PEOPLE.

2. PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT "PLANTING" SHEIKH ABDULLAH

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AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF "OCCUPIED" STATE WOULD SOLVE

NOTHING. HE ONCE AGAIN CALLED FOR PLEBISCITE IN KASHMIR AND POINTED TO FEBRUARY 28 HARTAL (GENERAL STRIKE) AND TO "SELF-DETERMINATION DAY" OBSERVANCES HELD IN PAKISTAN ON MARCH 17 (IN SYMPATHY WITH SIMILAR ONES IN INDIAN KASHMIR) AS EVIDENCE THAT INDO-PAK DISPUTE OVER KASHMIR CONTINUES TO EXIST.

3. BHUTTO ALSO SUGGESTED TALKS BE HELD WITH AFGHANISTAN ON BASIS OF BANDUNG PRINCIPLES --- SINCE PAKISTAN DID NOT WANT CONFRONTATION WITH ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS." NOTING THAT BANDUNG DECLARATION CALLED FOR NON-INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS, BHUTTO REITERATED THAT DURAND LINE "HAD COME TO STAY" AS INTERNATIONAL FRONTIER BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN; THEN DECLARED THAT PAKISTAN ARMY STOOD READY TO FIGHT FOR PRESERVATION OF FREEDOM OF PAKISTANIS IN TRIBUL TERRITORY. PAKISTAN, HE SAID, COULD NOT POSSIBLY NEGOTIATE ON MATTERS INVOLVING ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOLIDARITY.

4. BHUTTO WENT ON TO TAUNT DAUD GOVERNMENT BY NOTING THAT "NATIONALITIES" OTHER THAN AFGHANS LIVED IN AFGHANISTAN INCLUDING "TURKMANS, HAZARAS AND PERSIAN-SPEAKING PEOPLE." HE ALSO TOOK SWIPE AT INDIA AND BANGLADESH, CITING DAUD'S RECENT VISITS TO THEM AND ACCUSING BOTH COUNTRIES OF ENCOURAGING AFGHANISTAN IN DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN.

5. ON OTHER SUBJECTS, PRESS REPORTED THAT BHUTTO MADE REFERENCE TO "UNPARALLELED SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE" WHICH GOP HAD GIVEN TO IRAN, TURKEY, AND "ARABS," WITH WHOM "BEST RELATIONS" EXISTED. HE CITED THIS AS "UNPRECEDENTED SUCCFSS OF PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN POLICY." HE ALSO FIRED ANOTHER ROUND AT LEADERS OF BANNED PAK NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY FOR THEIR ALLEGED SUPPORT OF SHEIKH MUJIBUR REHMAN'S SIX POINTS DURING 1970-71 CRISIS, AND CHARGED THAT WAS BECAUSE NAP LEADERS WISHED TO FRAGMENT PAKISTAN (THEN WEST PAKISTAN).

6. COMMENT: BELIEVE LETTER TO MRS. GANDHI TO WHICH PRIME MINISTER REFERRED IS PROBABLY THAT MENTIONED IN REFTTEL B; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDRESSEES PROBABLY HAVE BETTER INFORMATION ON IT. DESPITE NEW TWISTS, BHUTTO'S REMARKS ON KASHMIR AND AFGHANISTAN REPRESENT NO BASIC CHANGE FROM WHAT HE HAS SAID BEFORE ON THESE ISSUES. TRUE TO FORM, HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO REPEAT SIMILAR PRONOUNCEMENTS EVERY DAY AS HE CONTINUES TO STUMP THROUGH SARGODHA DIVISION UNTIL MARCH 22. SPENGLER

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